

Friends of the History Center May Board Meeting

June 4, 2018

I. Meeting called to order and a quorum was declared.

Vickie Merchant -President, Lisa Kaye Knoblett, Robert Lawrence, Maureen Winkelman, Carla Rinche David Swartwout, Janet Gaskamp and Robin Jones, Secretary were in attendance.

II. Approve FHC Board Minutes 5.7.18 – The minutes from the 5.7.18 minutes were approved as written.

III. The May Profit and Loss Statement was approved.

IV. Executive Report

a. Volunteer hours were collected. Wavier for liability was signed for Aransas County so that volunteer hours contributed by board members can be used as in-kind donations. Release of Wavier and Liability signed for Aransas County Disaster Recovery Team Volunteer Intake Form.

b. Becky Sanders checked the E-blast to all members. Board members were encouraged to check their Spam folder.

c. Connie Hager Day 5.26.18 -Rob Lawrence, Maureen Winkelman, Lisa Kaye Knoblett, Vickie Merchant, and Robin Jones represented The History Center. \$35 in books were sold \$35.00. It was suggested to the organizers that Connie Hager Day be scheduled during a cooler time of year, a tent or covering should cover the slab where the programs are held, additional batteries are needed for the PA system.

d. Data from Sign is unavailable

e. On Thursday, May 17, a Genealogy Workshop will be offered for those who would like to attend. Robin will share the handouts with The History Center. For the permanent Exhibit, a timeline could be created using photos that correlate with Aransas County events.

V. Development

a. Grant submitted to the Texas Historical Foundation for underwriting Art Colony Book Included in the information sent was a letter of support from Monica Burdette, Robert Harrist, Jr., Art Professor at Columbia will write the Preface. The projected date of completion for the book is 2019. Additional funding is being requested from private philanthropists.

b. A request has been submitted to Rebuild Texas to fund a video and the creation of a new website

c. Membership-203 and 4 Business Memberships

VI. a. Facilities- Air Conditioner not working.

b. Landscape-Lisa Kaye Knoblett reported that 14 people attended the June Plant Exchange. Of those, 7 were attending for the first time.

Since Lisa Kaye is moving, another person needs to take over the Plant Exchange. Carla requested a card table and chairs for the Agrilife Plant book and people may linger longer. Carla reported that ants are in the sandy areas in the yard.

The irrigation system is still not working correctly. Vickie will contact John Strothman.

Lisa Kaye mentioned that there is no information on what to do in an emergency. Vickie will update the procedures in section D4. Lisa watered after plant exchange. Lisa opened HC for a couple and grandson from CC even with no air conditioning.

VII. Collections-Maureen

a. New Computer & Past Perfect Software were replaced. WiFi allows the computer in the HC to connect with the computer in the Curations Center so that if someone is working on accessioning items on one computer, then those items will interface with the other computer. A camera is now available to capture pictures of artifacts. Inventory of the artifacts can now be printed.

A second computer was purchased for the office. All items were purchased from unrestricted grant money. The older office computer will now be used for Ancestry.com. The Ancestry subscription will have a password so that all board members can use the software.

An antique cabinet was donated by Lisa Fredrick-Estelle Stair Gallery. Bill Fisher will make repairs.

VIII. Education

- a. Painting Party of new exhibit cases- These are to be finished and moved inside
- b. Rob to get back 2 tablets from Maritime museum they borrowed for zip codes for the Wine Festival.
- c. Changed K. Morrow to June 2nd and to the Aquarium Education Center. A large sign was placed on the door to note change of venue.
- d. Upcoming events - June 16- Military Band 6-8pm; Refreshments-Lucretia Jones; Everyone is encouraged to wear red, white and blue.
- e. Opening Foodways: Saturday, July 14-6:00 PM.
- f. Foodways Book update - Rebuilding pages using posters from exhibit

IX. Publicity and Marketing

- a. Facebook likes- 1,974
- b. In four years, 18 exhibits and 34 programs have been displayed.
- c. KIII aired Monday- with Vickie and a representative from the Texas Maritime Museum.
- d. Signs on Pearl & Sabinal –Rob reported that progress has not gone very far. We need owner's permission without going thru city. Vickie will send the information gathered by Lloyd Mathews to Rob. Rob will study the city's sign ordinance.

X. Old Business

- a. Vickie will buy a book for \$44.00 to put in our library written by the Gifted and Talented Students of Robin Johnson.
- b. Website Committee Meeting with Scott – Rob Lawrence

David Swartwout, John Bemrose and Rob Lawrence met with Scott Wagert. In the meeting Scott agreed to do anything we wanted done. In a later email, Scott decided that he didn't want to proceed. Rob proposed to call Scott this week and ask for URL domain with five email address and passwords connected to www.aransashistorycenter.org

XI. New Business

- a. Thursday, July 12 at 5:30 pm was set for the Permanent Exhibit meeting instead of a July Board meeting.
- b. Grant Funds available. Vickie provided grants available for following Permanent Exhibit Objectives

1. Reenactment Costumes – \$750.00 will be provided by Castaways 2017 Grant. An additional \$1000 is needed to purchase these costumes. Funds from the 2016 Sours grant will be reserved for re-enactment costumes. Motion passed.

2. Mural-Rebecca Stapleton volunteered to help design. Alex Pena will contact RFHS art students to paint the mural for \$10 per hour per student. Rob motioned to use \$1,000.00 from Sours 2016. Motion passed.

3. Website redesign and hosting by Andy Gunberger, owner of Rockport Fulton.com. It was determined that Andy will provide a proposal, pricing and resume so that a decision on the website can be made. Ms. Grunberger will be asked to provide a proposal and pricing for a video tape focusing on the history of Aransas County.

4. Book on Art Colony should be ready by 2019 dependent on funding.

5. Stewards of Nature Signage (\$1,500/sign). Information needs to be gleaned from the previous exhibit posters.

6. Downtown Signage- volunteer will design downtown signs to be placed at Raudi Maui. They will include map of the location of the History Center as well as ladies and gentlemen in turn of the century swimsuits.

- e. Keep Rockport Fulton Beautiful has a grant to pay a secretary for 40 hours a week, but needs office space. Two hours of the secretary's 8-hour day would be donated to FHC to accomplish several objectives for office space provided. The motion passed to provide a temporary office space at this time.

XII. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Jones

Dates to Remember:

Sat., June 16 – 6-7pm Ram Chavez & Veterans Band – Celebration of Flag Day

July 9, 10:00 am - take down Military; Rehang Foodways and Hagar

Sat, July 14th 6 pm - Reopen Foodways

Sat. Sept.15 at 8 am - Hummingbird Celebration Breakfast